

2014-2015 Migratory Waterfowl Seasons

Ducks

October 10–13 (Black duck closed)

November 15–30

December 17–January 25

Daily Bag Limit: 6 ducks of any species except for the following restrictions: can include no more than 4 mallards (only 2 can be hen mallards), 4 scoters, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, 2 pintails, 1 black duck (except closed during Oct. 10–13), 1 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, and 1 fulvous whistling duck.

Closed season on harlequin ducks.

The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. No person may take more than one daily bag limit in any one day.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days

October 25, 2014 and January 31, 2015

Special Sea Duck Season in the *Special Sea Duck Zone

Sea duck species are scoter, long-tailed duck (formerly oldsquaw), and eider.

October 17–January 31

Bag limit: 7 per day (21 in possession), but may include no more than 4 scoters (12 in possession).

Coots

October 10–13

November 15–30

December 17–January 25

Bag limit: 15 per day, 45 in possession.

Mergansers

October 10–13

November 15–30

December 17–January 25

Bag limit: 5 birds daily, of which only 2 birds may be a hooded merganser (15 in possession, only 6 of which may be hooded mergansers).

Light Goose (Greater and Lesser Snow Geese and Ross's Geese)

Regular Season

October 17–January 31: statewide

Bag limit: 25 per day, no possession limit.

Conservation Order Season

February 1–April 5

Bag limit: No daily or possession limit.

Canada Goose

Atlantic Population Zone (AP)

November 15–23

December 20–January 29

Bag Limit: 2 geese per day, 6 in possession.

Southern James Bay Population Zone (SJBZ)

November 15–25,

December 17–January 14

January 15–February 15

Bag Limit:

3 geese per day: Nov. 15–25 and Dec. 17–Jan. 14.

5 geese per day: Jan. 15–Feb. 15.

Resident Population Zone (RP)

November 15–30

December 17–February 18

Bag Limit: 5 geese per day, 15 in possession.

Atlantic Brant

December 27–January 25

Bag limit: 2 per day, 6 in possession.

Tundra Swan

November 15–January 31

Bag limit: 1 per permit.

September Canada Goose

Season: September 1–September 25

Hunt Zone: Statewide

Hours:

East of I-95

September 1–16: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

September 17–25: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

West of I-95

September 1–21: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

September 22–25: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Bag Limit: 10 per day, 30 in possession.

September Canada goose hunting is not permitted within the boundaries of the Amelia and Dick Cross Wildlife Management Areas.

Special Requirements: In addition to a HIP registration number, a federal migratory duck stamp and a Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (unless license exempt) are also required to hunt geese during this season.

Note: Electronic calls and unplugged shotguns are not allowed for hunting Canada geese.



Canada goose

September Teal

Season: September 17–30

Hunt Zone: East of I-95

Season: September 22–September 30

Hunt Zone: West of I-95

Hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

Bag Limit: 6 per day, 18 in possession.*

(any combination of blue-winged and green-winged teal)



Green-winged teal, ©Spike Knuth

***Note:** Hunters are cautioned to **positively identify** their ducks before shooting, since other species, such as wood ducks, may be in the area.

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